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For: SMALL HOLE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE MACHINING METHOD AND
SMALL HOLE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE MACHINING APPARATUS
AND ELECTRODE INSERTING METHOD WITH RESPECT TO
ELECTRODE GUIDE OF THE SMALL HOLE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE
MACHINING APPARATUS AND ELECTRODE INSERTING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,576,858 to YOKOMICHI, which issued on June 10, 2003.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0148814, which published on October 17, 2002 from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/108,425 to ISHIWATA et al., which was filed on March 29, 2002.

The Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of the aforementioned U.S.

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patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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